

R_1 is selected from groups (a), (b), and (c) wherein;

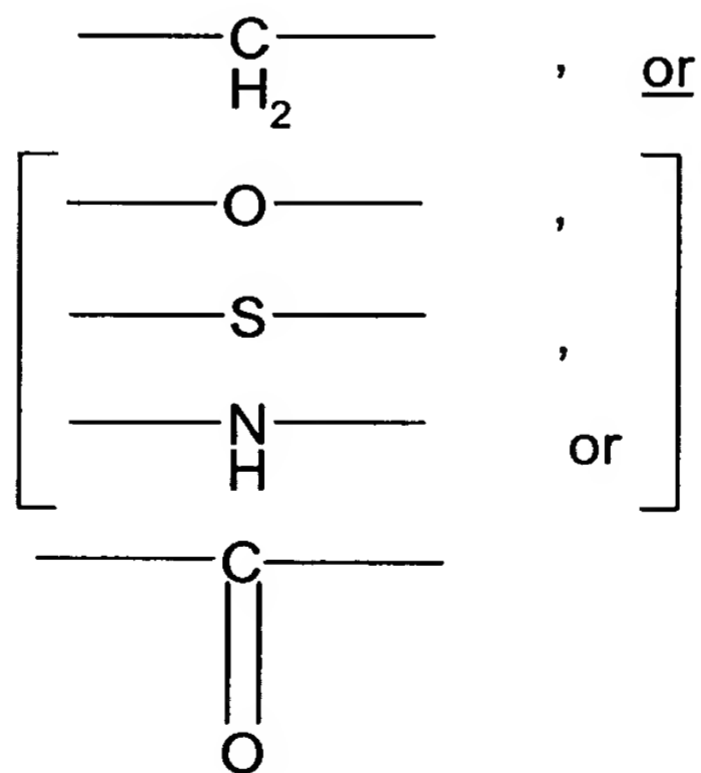
(a) is C7-C20 alkyl, C7-C20 haloalkyl, C7-C20 alkenyl, C7-C20 alkynyl[,]or carbocyclic radical, or [heterocyclic radical, or]

(b) is a member of (a) substituted with one or more independently selected non-interfering substituents; or

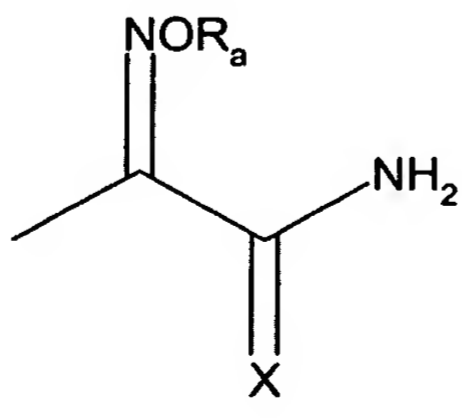
(c) is the group $-(L_1)-R_{11}$; where, $-(L_1)-$ is a divalent linking group of 1 to 8 atoms and where R_{11} is a group selected from (a) or (b);

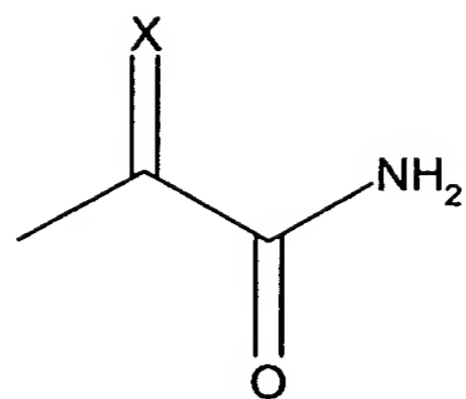
R_2 is hydrogen, or a group containing 1 to 4 non-hydrogen atoms plus any required hydrogen atoms;

R_3 is $-(L_3)-Z$, where $-(L_3)-$ is a divalent linker group selected from a bond or a divalent group selected from:

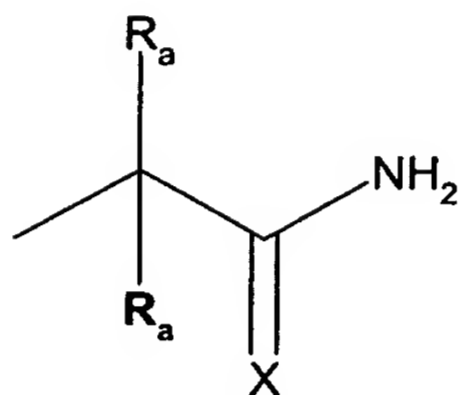


and Z is selected from a group represented by the formulae,





or



wherein, X is oxygen [or sulfur;] and R_a is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, aryl, C₁-C₈ alkaryl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, aralkyl and -CN;

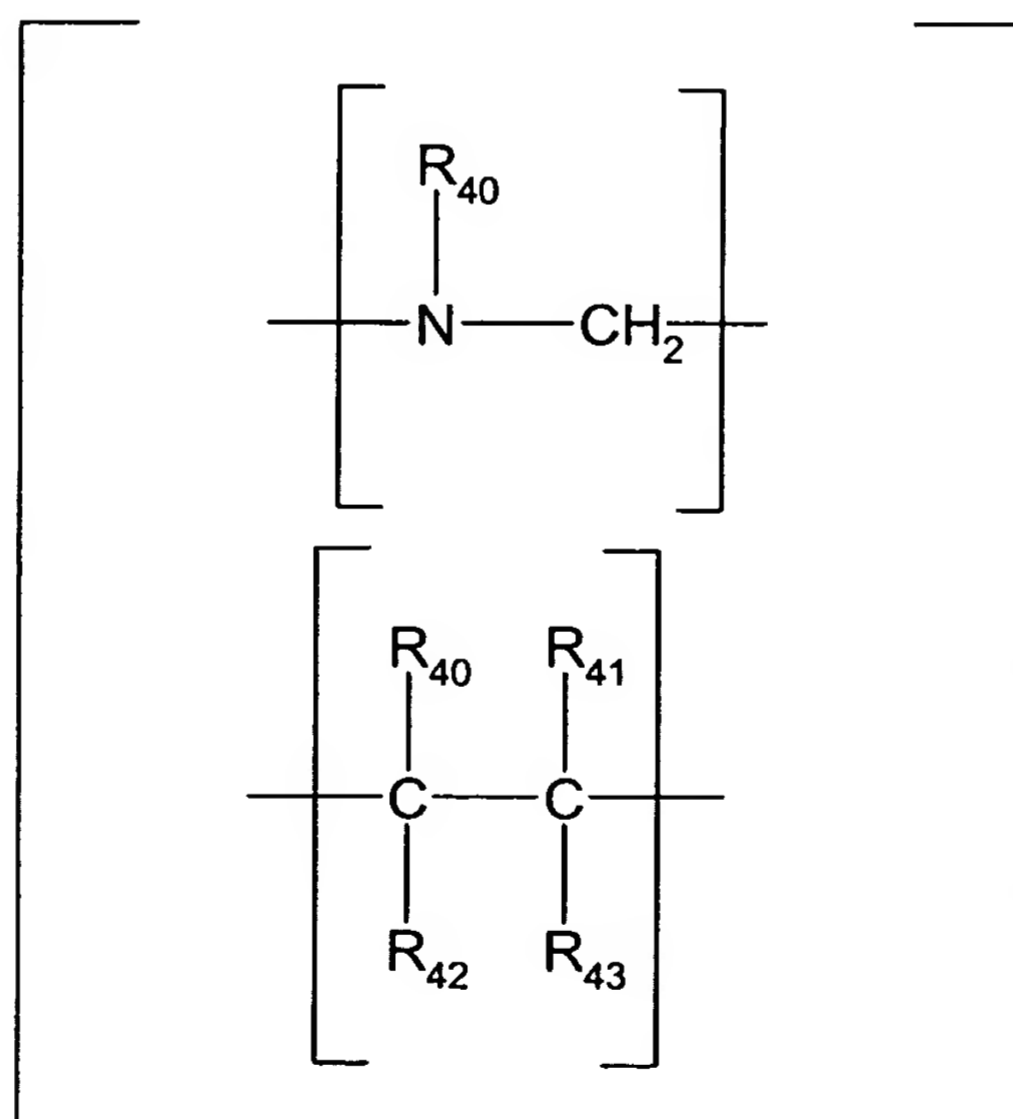
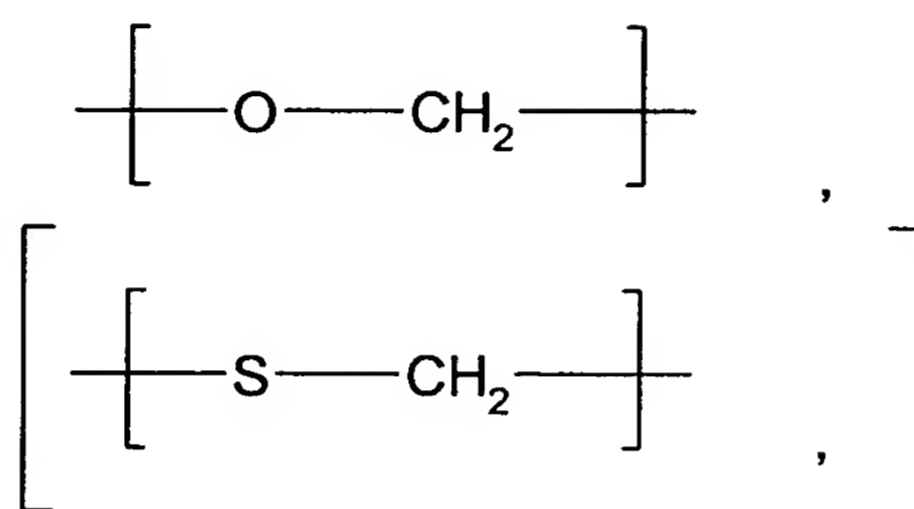
R_4 is the group, $-(L_C)-(acylamino\ acid\ group)$; wherein $-(L_C)-$, is an acylamino acid linker having an acylamino acid linker length of 1 to 8;

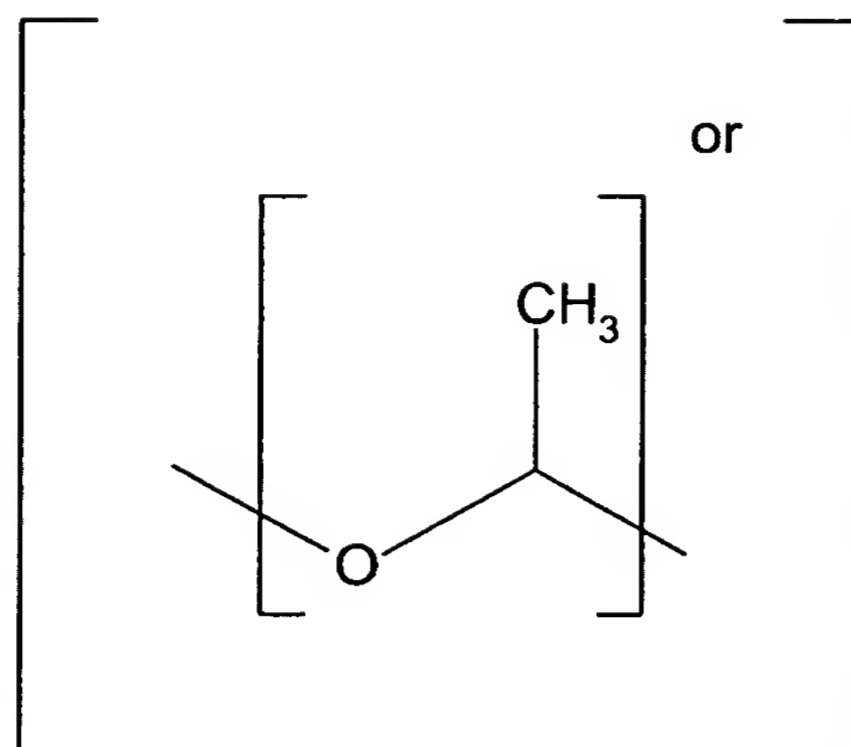
R_5 is selected from hydrogen[,]or a non-interfering substituent[, or the group, $-(L_a)-(acidic\ group)$; wherein $-(L_a)-$, is an acid linker having an acid linker length of 1 to 8];

R_6 and R_7 are selected from hydrogen[,]or a non-interfering substituent[, carbocyclic radical, carbocyclic radical substituted with non-interfering substituent(s), heterocyclic radicals, and heterocyclic radical substituted with non-interfering substituent(s)].

3. Cancelled.

4. (amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein the acylamino acid linker group, $-(L_c)-$, for R_4 [selected from $-(L_c)-$] is a divalent group selected from,



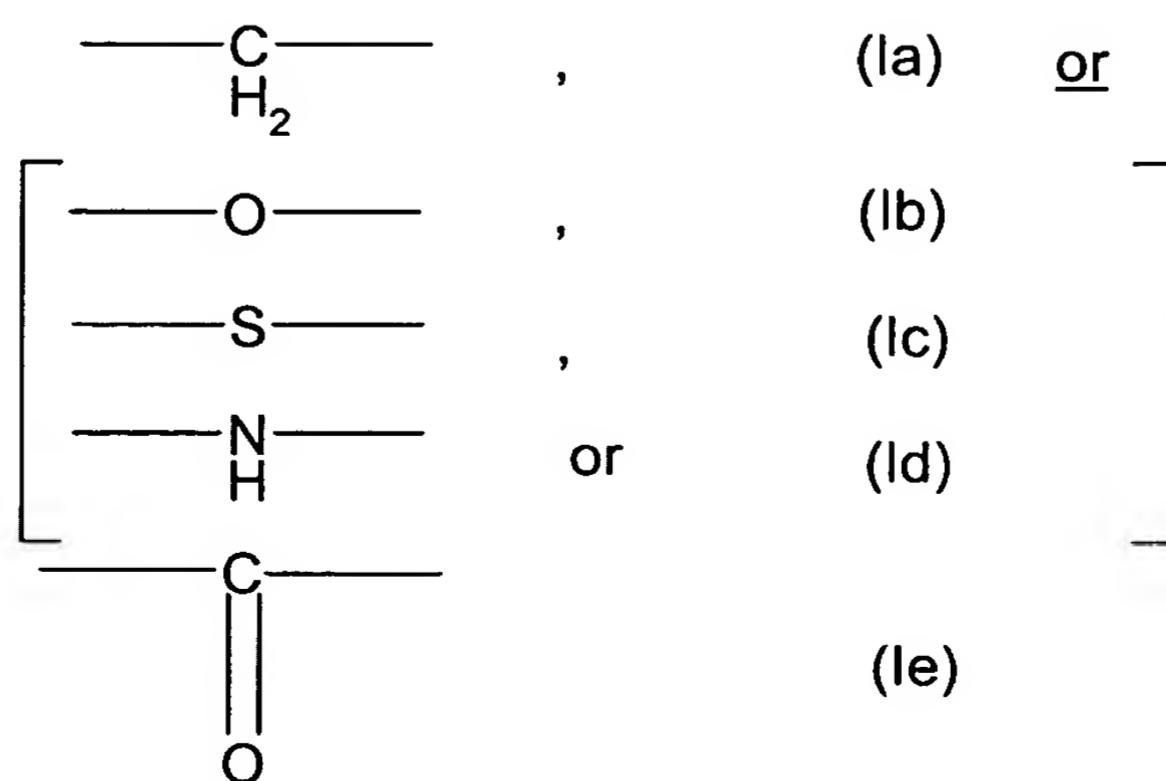


[where R₄₀, R₄₁, R₄₂, and R₄₃ are each independently selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl.]

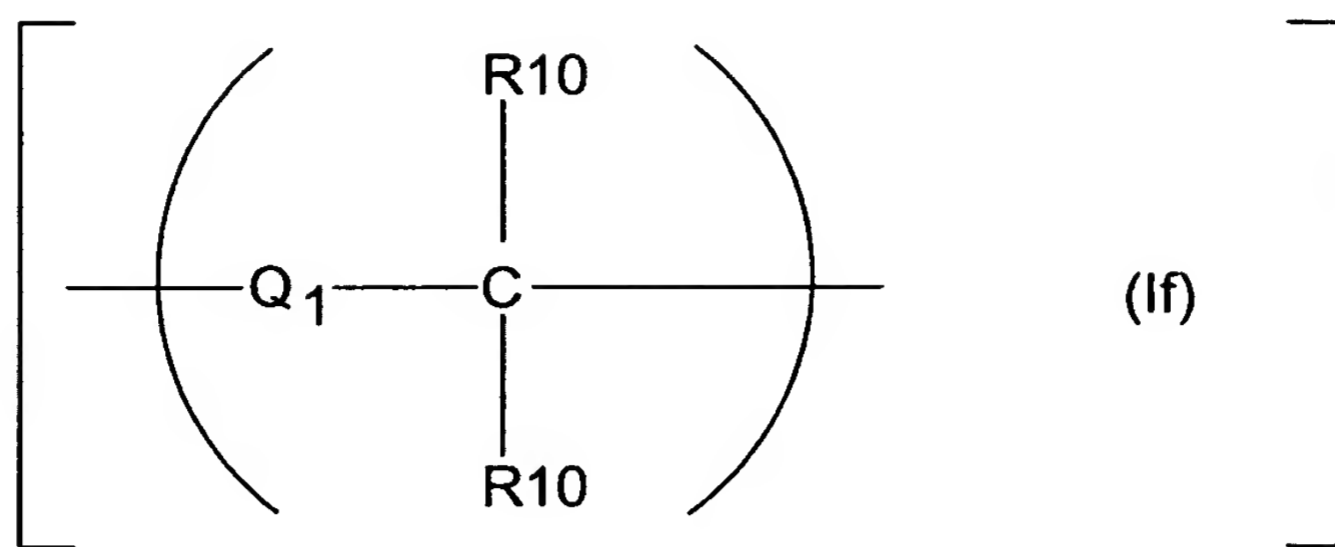
5. Cancelled.

6. Cancelled.

12. (amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein for R₁ the divalent linking group -(L₁)- is selected from a group represented by the formulae (Ia), (Ib), (Ic), (Id), (Ie), and (If):



[or]



[where Q_1 is a bond or any of the divalent groups Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie and R_{10} is independently -H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl or C_{1-8} alkoxy.]

13. (amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the linking group $-(\text{L}_1)-$ of R_1 is $-(\text{CH}_2)-$ [or $-(\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2)-$].

14. Cancelled.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.

20. Cancelled.

20. Cancelled.